Accidents and deaths on account of Vehicular Traffic.

Q.—83. C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of accidents and deaths that occurred in the State on account of vehicular traffic during the years 1962-63, and 1963-64 ;

(*b*) the steps taken by them to minimise such occurrences ;

(*c*) whether there is any special staff appointed for prevention of such occurrence in rural parts of the State ?

A.—Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Home).—

(*a*) The number of accidents and deaths that occurred in the State are furnished hereunder :—

Year	Total No. of traffic accidents	No. of deaths
1962-63	2,410	496
1963-64	2,490	480

(*b*) The following measures were adopted with a view to minimising accidents on roads and they have proved to be effective :

1. Speed traps are being laid by using stop watches and by chasing vehicles.

2. Appropriate Traffic Sign Boards, such as 'Halt and Proceed,' etc., are erected in all places where they are warranted.

3. Traffic Islands are constructed at appropriate Road Junctions.

4. Extra Police are posted for the regulation of traffic during peak-hours.

5. Simple and uniform traffic signals with a view to properly directing traffic are being enforced.

6. A monthly review of offences is prepared and sent to the Superintendents of Police with appropriate instructions.

7. In consultation with the Director of Public Instruction, arrangements have been made for lectures in schools and colleges on Highway Code by senior Police Officers.

8. Instructions have been issued for systematic checking of buses and lorries with a view to avoiding over/loading, and detecting overspeeding.

9. Four Flying Squads each consisting of 1 Police Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Head Constable, 3 Police Constables and 1 Motor Vehicles Inspector with one jeep have been sanctioned to work under

the 3 Range Deputy Inspectors General of Police for the effective enforcement of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules thereunder and for ensuring safety of the public, on the roads.

10. Instructions have been issued to the Superintendents of Police to move the Magistrates to award deterrent sentences and to have the licences of those drivers who resort to rash and negligent driving, suspended.

11. The Superintendents of Police have been asked to instruct their Station House officers to inspect the roads in the Towns in their jurisdiction and if there are obstructions to the free flow of traffic and to pedestrians by the stocking on roads of building materials, they should see that they are cleared immediately and if necessary take action under the law against the owners of the materials.

12. As far as Bangalore City is concerned, the Corporation authorities have been addressed to clear foot-paths of merchandise stocked by merchants and other obstructions.

13. In Bangalore, a Co-ordination Committee has been formed and the Mayor of the Corporation and the officials of the Police and other departments meet and discuss the traffic problems for avoiding accidents on the roads.

14. Traffic Weeks are being organised throughout the State for the purpose of instructing and educating the drivers of the vehicles to observe the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act and Rules and to eliminate the defective vehicles in use on the roads.

15. Traffic Signals have been installed in the United India Building Circle.

16. Holding of Road Safety Convention. The object of the convention was to create a feeling of Road Sense amongst the public and to initiate a campaign for reducing the traffic hazards and to foster correct Road Sense, so that the roads could be made safe for all road users.

(c) Four Flying Squads each consisting of 1 Police Inspector, 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Head Constable, 3 Police Constables and 1 Motor Vehicles Inspector with one jeep have been sanctioned to work under the Range Deputy Inspectors General of Police in the State who have jurisdiction over the entire area of the concerned Range which includes rural parts.

Villages vested with Government under Inam Abolition Act in Ex-Mysore Area

Q.—92. SRI C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of villages that are vested with the Government under Inam Abolition Act in Ex-Mysore Area (Districtwise figures may be furnished) ;